

Dell, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Mallory, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—21.

Nays—Messrs. Lesley and Mountien—2.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Baker moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and to lay the motion on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Delano, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Mallory introduced the following petition, signed by J. B. Walton and others :

To the Senate and Members of the Assembly of the State of Florida :

The petition of the undersigned liquor dealers of Escambia county, State of Florida, respectfully represent that they are engaged in the business of liquor dealers, for which they pay a revenue license of four hundred and fifty dollars, three hundred dollars to the State and one hundred and fifty dollars to the county; that dealers in vinous and malt liquors are licensed twenty-five dollars for State and twelve dollars and fifty cents for county; that they verily believe many who are under the vinous and malt liquor license do business as liquor dealers, which is a great injustice to your petitioners.

Your petitioners, therefore, invite your attention in the premises, and request that the revenue law be amended so as to increase the license of vinous and malt liquor dealers, or reduce liquor dealers' license.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

PENSACOLA, FLA., Jan. 20, 1883.

Mr. Baker introduced the following, signed by F. Pasco, Conference Secretary :

To the Legislature of the State of Florida, now in session in the city of Tallahassee, Florida :

The Florida Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its recent session in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, January 8, 1883, passed the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved by the Florida Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, That we most respectfully and earnestly petition the Legislature of the State of Florida, now in session, to pass what is known as the Local Option Law, or such other measures as in their judgment will be most effectual in putting down this destructive evil of intemperance.*

2. *That our Secretary be requested to forward to the Legislature, at an early day, this, our petition, and that we will appoint a member of this body to visit the Legislature in this interest.*

F. PASCO,
Conference Secretary.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., January 29, 1883.

Rev. J. Atkins was duly appointed by the Florida Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its recent session in Jacksonville, Fla., January 8, 1883, to visit the Legislature of the State of Florida, now in session in the city of Tallahassee, Fla., in the interests of the temperance cause.

F. PASCO,
Conference Secretary.

GAINESVILLE, FLA., January 29, 1883.

The following message was received from the Assembly :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 132 :

To be entitled an act to declare Sandy Creek navigable, and

to repeal Chapter 3397, Laws of Florida, approved February 16, 1881,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to prohibit persons from shipping oranges grown outside of the State of Florida as Florida oranges; also,

Assembly joint resolution No. 37, in relation to dredging in the harbor of Key West, Florida,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee;

Also,

Assembly joint resolution No. 37, in relation to dredging in the harbor of Key West, Florida,

Was read the first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 140, to be entitled an act for the adoption of two children by Raymon H. M. Starling and his wife, Samantha Starling,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 141, to be entitled an act to amend section 1, of an act entitled an act to authorize State attorneys to compromise certain claims,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly bill No. 166, to be entitled an act providing for the introduction of copies of certain records, pleadings, deeds and other instruments of writing in evidence, and to declare the effect thereof,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., January 24, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has adopted—

Assembly concurrent resolution relative to extending an invitation to the Rev. Dr. Curry, to address the Legislature upon the subject of education,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

The resolution was read and concurred in by the Senate.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Assembly joint resolution relating to public health, and requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to secure the aid of the General Government to prevent the entrance of epidemic diseases,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

The resolution was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Senate bill No. 136, to be entitled an act to change the terms of the Circuit Court of the second judicial circuit of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, Fla., February 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed—

Senate bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to protect food fishes of Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read.

By leave, Mr. Dell introduced the following bill :

Senate bill No. 187 :

To be entitled an act to protect citizens of this State who may make advances upon promise of payment in labor, and for other purposes ;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bryson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred amendments to—

Assembly bill No. 107, to be entitled an act for the relief of Jacksonville and the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon,

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Mallory, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred—

Senate bill 183, to be entitled an act to provide a method

whereby jurors in criminal cases in the courts of Justices of the Peace and in the courts of County Judges acting *ex officio* as Justices of the Peace, in this State, may collect their fees; also, ..

Senate bill No. 182, to be entitled an act granting certain powers to administrators of estates of decedents; also,

Senate bill No. 184, to be entitled an act to authorize the Clerks of Circuit Courts of the several counties in this State to appoint deputy clerks or registration officers for the election districts in which such clerks' offices are located,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. R. MALLORY, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Duncan, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills respectfully report they have this day presented to the Governor for his consideration, the following act originating in the Senate:

An act granting aid for the construction of the Tomasville, Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad.

Very respectfully,

H. H. DUNCAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The President and Secretary signed the following bills:

An act to legalize the town government of Newnansville, Fla.; also,

An act to prescribe the duties of county treasurers as to warrants or orders which may be presented to them and not paid upon presentation.

The following message was received from the Assembly

ASSEMBLY HALL, Tallahassee, February 7, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly most respectfully request the Senate to return to the Assembly for reconsideration, Senate bill No. 105, to be entitled an act to protect food fishes in this State, that passed the Assembly on yesterday.

I am also directed by request of the Senate to return to the Senate for further consideration—

Assembly bill No. 27, to be entitled an act to amend Section 6, of an act to establish lost papers in Justices' Courts, passed November 21, 1829.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

The bill was ordered to be returned as requested.

Mr. Crill, Chairman of the Committee on Education, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 7, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Education have had under consideration the enclosed memorial to Congress asking for grant of land for educational and other purposes, and would recommend that the enclosed substitute of the committee be adopted in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL, Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Education reported the following substitute on Mr. Delano's memorial to Congress:

WHEREAS, There is a large percentage of illiterate persons in the State of Florida, a large portion of whom were but recently released from bondage; and whereas, the stability of republican institutions depends largely upon the intelligence of the people; therefore,

The People of the State of Florida, represented in Senate and Assembly, do resolve as follows: That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their efforts to procure a grant from the United States to the State of Florida of all the lands in Florida belonging to the United States, to be applied by the State for educational purposes. But nothing in said grant shall deprive actual settlers from the rights now guaranteed by the homestead acts of Congress;

Which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

By leave, Mr. Delano introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 188:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. F. Bucknor, late Collector of Revenue of Volusia county;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mountien moved to reconsider the vote of the Senate

on the resolution of Mr. Greeley accepting the invitation to visit the fair at Jacksonville.

Mr. Chandler moved to lay the motion on the table.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, McClellan, Powers, Proctor and Roberts—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Sharpe, Sheppard, Speer and Swearingen—18.

So the motion to lay on the table was not agreed to.

On the motion to reconsider, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bryson, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Mallory, Mountien, Speer and Swearingen—9.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—20.

So the motion to reconsider was not agreed to.

The President and Secretary signed the following bills:

An act to enable actual settlers to procure homes; also,

An act to prescribe the duties of treasurers of municipal governments as to warrants or orders which may be presented to them and not paid upon presentation; also,

An act to empower the Attorney-General to have published 300 volumes of each of the reports of the Supreme Court of the State of Fla., from volume one to the first part of volume twelve, inclusive; also,

An act in relation to injunctions.

By leave, Mr. Mallory introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 189:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Water Works Company of Pensacola;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By leave, Mr. Polhill introduced the following bill:

Senate bill No. 190:

To be entitled an act in relation to garnishment;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Swearingen offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There has been a resolution adopted by both houses to adjourn the Legislature on the 15th inst. to visit the State Fair at Jacksonville; and, *whereas*, the tax-payers of the

State demand that the representatives of both branches of the Legislature shall take the lead in all economical measures; therefore, be it

Resolved, That members of the Legislature shall receive no per diem during their absence while visiting the State Fair at Jacksonville.

Mr. Chandler moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on State Affairs;

Which was agreed to.

The committee to visit the convicts made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 5, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee appointed to visit and examine the condition, care and management of the State convicts beg leave to report that they have performed said duty, and report that the present system of letting and hiring said convicts is, in the opinion of your committee, the best that could be adopted—for the State in a financial point of view, and for the convict in a reformatory and healthful manner—as the State derives a revenue of \$4,600 per annum for said convicts above all expense, and the said convicts, though subjected to a rigid discipline and forced to labor, are humanely treated, and are not crowded into a close prison-house, such as would be necessary for their proper confinement should the State adopt the system in force before the adoption of the present one in 1877. The present contractor, H. M. Wood, of Suwannee county, took charge of and received said convicts, about 138 in number, from the East Florida Railway Company, at Live Oak, Fla., on the 1st day of January, 1883, in a very good condition, since which time, your committee learned, ten have been discharged and eight received in the camp (which is situated eleven miles southwest of Live Oak, in Suwannee county), thus leaving at the present time 136 convicts on hand, which is about the average number, and of which about three-fourths are colored; of this number, only two are females, both white, and sentenced for life.

The convicts are employed in the turpentine farms, which is acknowledged to be the most healthy employment we can have in the Southern country, which statement is borne out by the fact that there is but one under medical treatment, and his malady being of no serious nature; that there are but three others not able to perform full duty, and one of them being from paralysis.

There was, during what is termed in that county "the den-

gue epidemic," considerable sickness among said convicts—that is, during the first fall month of 1882—but, as your committee are informed by Dr. J. S. Hankins, the competent attending physician, was of a moderate type, not of a fatal nature, and here your committee would say, that Dr. Hankins, who visits the camp at least twice per week, and every day, when necessary, is fully competent in every respect to fulfill the duties of physician for said convicts. The convicts, from their own statements, convinced your committee that they were well fed and clothed, and seemed (though strange it should) to be perfectly contented.

Your committee was in the camp about the hour of noon, when those convicts who were at work had their dinner, and had an opportunity of judging for themselves in the matter of food, and found that there was plenty, and of as good quality as the laboring class of any country receive—being more than required by the Board of Public Institutions, well cooked and decently served, and eaten with a relish; and your committee examined that of those who were at work in the woods, and found it the same.

The clothing of the convicts is of sufficiently heavy texture to keep them warm, and in quantity sufficient—they having each, at all times, two suits of clothing—the State Board requires that they have four suits of clothing, four pair of shoes and two hats, each per annum, which your committee find was supplied them.

Your committee, upon careful inquiry and inspection, could find no evidence of any inhuman treatment to the convicts, but on the contrary, were satisfied that the punishment, when resorted to, only in extreme cases, was very light, being never more than fifteen licks with a leather strap, and never producing any but temporary suffering, and administered only when necessary to compel the convict to labor when able, and that none of said convicts are required to labor, if complaining, until they are fully discharged from the hospital by the physician and pronounced by him able.

Your committee particularly inquired as to any convict being allowed to hire their own time, and find that this is not the case in a single instance, and that every one able to is required to perform personal physical labor, as required by law, not before sunrise nor after sunset, and that all the reports to the contrary are unfounded.

As the sentencing convicts is in a manner for the purpose of reformation, and not alone for punishment, your committee would recommend such necessary legislation as would enable them to have religious training at least once a week, or each

Sabbath, and would recommend the appropriation of \$500 per annum, out of the funds arising from the hire of said convicts, for the purpose of paying some suitable person to so instruct said convicts; the convicts did, during the year 1882, receive very little religious instruction, but there being no one paid to instruct them, it amounted to almost nothing, and during the present year they have received some.

Your committee find that the quarters of said convicts are newly erected and well ventilated, kept clean and dry, and that they were furnished with amply-sufficient bedding, blankets, &c.

Though all the precautionary measures against escape were not finished, but one has escaped this year, and he been recaptured.

Your committee would call to the attention of the Legislature the benefit it would be to the State and Contractor to increase the length of time of hiring said convicts from two (the present time) to five years, thus enabling the Contractor to pay more for them per annum.

All of which your committee respectfully submit and ask to be discharged.

Very respectfully,
 GEO. C. POWERS, Chairman.
 HENDRY W. CHANDLER,
 WM. BRYSON,
 FRANK W. POPE

Which was ordered spread upon the journals.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 120:

To be entitled an act to extend the limits of the city of Jacksonville, and abolish conflicting municipal corporations.

Mr. Powers offered the following amendment:

At the end of last line, in section 1, insert as follows:

Provided, however, That the registered voters residing within the territory herein proposed to be annexed to the said city of Jacksonville shall have the right to determine by vote whether they shall be included within said city of Jacksonville or not; that is to say, the voters of the town of LaVilla shall decide by vote, which vote shall determine the question as to that town; the town of Fairfield shall decide by vote as to their town; the suburbs of East Jacksonville, Oakland, Springfield, Brooklyn and Riverside shall decide by vote respectively as to their districts, the place and manner of voting to be determined by the County Commissioners of Duval county, except

as to the towns of LaVilla and Fairfield, and in said towns their respective Town Councils shall determine the time, place and manner, which time so designated, for voting shall not be later than sixty days from the date of the approval of this act.

Mr. Lesley offered the following amendment to Mr. Power's amendment:

Wherever the word "vote" appears, insert before said word the word "two-thirds."

Mr. McKinne presented at the Secretary's desk, the following communications, and requested that the same be read:

So ordered, and the Secretary read the following:

To the President of the Senate:

The Board of County Commissioners for Duval county respectfully request that the accompanying preamble and resolutions, passed by them at a full meeting this day, may be read to the Senate of the State of Florida when Senate bill No. 120 comes up for consideration.

H. ROBINSON,
Chairman B. C. C., Duval County.

February 6th, 1883.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA,
Tuesday, February 6th, 1883.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in and for Duval county, Florida, held Tuesday, February 6th, 1883, there were present Commissioners Robinson, Price, Hurter, L'Engle and David Ogilvie.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Price, and was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, information has reached this board that an effort is being made to induce the Legislature of this State, now in session, to pass an act annexing to the municipal corporation of Jacksonville, the towns of LaVilla and Fairfield, and also the voting precincts of East Jacksonville, Oakland, Springfield, Brooklyn and Riverside, in this county, which voting precincts are under the general supervision of this board; and whereas, neither this board nor any considerable number of citizens of such voting precincts, and of the territory sought by the act aforesaid to be annexed, have been afforded an opportunity to express their views thereon; and, whereas, we have reliable data to declare that not only the inhabitants of said outlying towns and territory, but also a very considerable number of large tax-payers—citizens of the city of Jacksonville, are emphatically opposed to such annexation and extension, and are exceedingly anxious that no

bill should become a law; and, whereas, no good reason exists, either from a sanitary point of view, nor by reason of other public necessity for such annexation; be it

Resolved, 1. That we hereby respectfully petition the Legislature of the State of Florida that Senate bill No. 120, now pending before the Senate, be indefinitely postponed.
2. That the Clerk of this Board send at once a certified copy of these resolutions to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the Assembly.

T. E. Buckman, Clerk of Duval County and of the Board of County Commissioners, hereby certify that the foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session, this 6th day of February, A. D. 1883.
Witness my hand this day and year above written.
T. E. BUCKMAN, Clerk.

Also the following:

TOWN OF LAVILLA, FLORIDA.

At a called meeting of the Board of Common Council of this town, there being present a quorum, consisting of Messrs. Marzyck, Jones, Wiggins, Scott, Tillman, Spearing and Green, the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, We are aware that efforts are being made in the Legislature of this State now in session to take away from us the right of self-government vested in this town by the laws of this State for the past fifteen years without giving us a voice in the matter; and whereas, we believe it to be a principle inherent in all governments in this country that such government should be based upon the consent of the governed, and that the efforts aforesaid to abolish our existence as a municipal corporation are subversive of the first principles of free government, and contrary to the expressed wish of every inhabitant of this town, without one exception that we have been able to discover.

Resolved 1st. That we petition the Legislature of this State to defend us from such violation of our rights, and to indefinitely postpone Senate bill No. 120, which has been introduced expressly for the purpose we deprecate.

Resolved 2d. That the Clerk of this Council send a certified copy of these resolutions to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House at the earliest possible moment.

A true copy from the minutes this 5th February, 1883.
GEORGE W. ANDREWS, Clerk.

Also the following:

PETITION.

To the Honorable the Senate of Florida :

Your petitioners, the Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Fairfield, respectfully present this their petition protesting against the annexation of the town of Fairfield by the city of Jacksonville, upon the following grounds :

We claim and urge upon the Senate the fact that we have incorporated in good faith as a town having in the main agricultural and horticultural interests ; that a number of our citizens are engaged in the dairy business, requiring the running at large of cattle, which is prohibited by ordinance of the city of Jacksonville, and that under the general incorporation act of the State of Florida we claim the right to govern our town under the general laws, and that it would be unjust and unfair to annex us to the city of Jacksonville without our consent.

We therefore respectfully ask that the bill now introduced before your honorable body do not pass.

JACOB S. PARKER, Mayor.

N. C. WAMBOLDT,

Pres. Town Council.

AUGUSTUS E. SEYMOUR,

GARDNER N. COBB,

J. C. CLARK,

H. M. SHOCKLEY.

T. P. WAMBOLDT,

Town Council.

On motion to adopt Mr. Lesley's amendment to the amendment, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cone, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—17.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Delano, Dell, Greeley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Proctor and Sheppard—13.

So the amendment was adopted.

On motion to adopt Mr. Powers' amendment as amended, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cone, Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Speer and Swearingen—17.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Crill, Delano, Dell, Greeley, Mann, Mountien, Proctor and Sheppard—13.

So the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Mallory moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. Lesley moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Fortner, Hendricks, Lesley, McKinne, Powers, Roberts, Speer and Swearingen—9.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Proctor, Sharpe and Sheppard—18.

The motion to lay on the table was not agreed to.

On the motion to reconsider the action of the Senate in adopting the amendment as amended,

The yeas and nays being called for, the vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Baker, Chandler, Cole, Cone, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Greeley, Hatcher, Landrum, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, Proctor, Sharpe and Sheppard—18.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Fortner, Hendricks, Lesley, McKinne, Powers, Roberts and Speer—9.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Mallory moved that the bill be made the special order for Friday, at 11 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, at 1:25 o'clock p. m., the Senate went into executive session.

Ten minutes of 2 o'clock p. m. the doors of the Senate were opened.

On motion of Mr. Mann, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Hatcher, Hendricks, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Pope, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sharpe and Sheppard—19.

A quorum present.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Assembly bill No. 107 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of Jacksonville and the

counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Suwannee, Madison, Jefferson, Duval and Leon,

The bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cone, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, McClellan, Polhill, Pope, Proctor, Roberts and Swearingen—13.

Nays—Messrs. Cottrell, Duncan, Fortner, Landrum, Lesley, Mann, McKinne, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—10.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Messrs. Powers and Landrum were excused from voting on the bill.

Mr. Bryson moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and that that motion be laid upon the table;

Which was agreed to

The President and Secretary signed the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare Tompkins and Branch Mill Streams navigable; also,

To allow Thomas L. Wilson, of Polk county, to procure license to practice law; also,

A bill to repeal an act entitled an act to dissolve municipal corporations under circumstances therein stated, and to provide governments for the same.

Mr. Bryson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 146, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Tampa Street Railway Company,

On examination find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON, Chairman.

Which was read,

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, February 7, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate bill No. 132, to be entitled an act to incorporate the

Pensacola Gas Company, with power to lay mains and pipes under the streets, alleys and public squares of said city, and under private property upon making compensation therefor; also,

Senate bill No. 174, to be entitled an act to fix the pay of the members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of 1883, Beg leave to report that the same are correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

WM. BRYSON,
Chairman Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Sharpe was called to the Chair.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Assembly bill No 125:

To be entitled an act to declare the Panasofkee outlet, commonly known as Panasofkee run, navigable,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Chandler, Cone, Cottrell, Delano, Duncan, Fortner, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts and Swearingen—20.

Nays—Messrs. McKinne and Speer—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to provide a method whereby jurors in criminal cases in the courts of Justices of the Peace, and in the courts of County Judges, acting ex-officio as Justices of the Peace, in this State, may collect their fees,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senate bill No. 184:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties in this State, to appoint Deputy Clerks or Registration officers for the election districts in which such Clerk's offices are located,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Mann, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, Tallahassee, Fla., February 7, 1883.

HON. L. W. BETHEL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Committee on Immigration to whom was referred—

A joint resolution authorizing the printing of fifty thousand copies of the Governor's message, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage with amendment making it twenty-five thousand instead of fifty-thousand.

Very respectfully,

A. S. MANN,
Chairman.

Which was adopted.

The amendment of the committee was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Greeley, the rule was waived by a two-thirds vote, and the resolution was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hendricks, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Powers, Roberts, Sharpe, Sheppard and Speer—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bryson, Hatcher, Landrum, Mountien, Polhill, Proctor and Swearingen—7.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Polhill's resolution, that the Legislature adjourn *sine die* on the 15th of February, at 12 o'clock, was called up.

Mr. McKinne was called to the chair.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill No. 60 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Ship Canal Company, to locate, construct, own and operate a ship canal and telegraph line across the peninsula of Florida, to connect the Atlantic ocean with the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Chandler offered the following amendment :

Section 1, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words "Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Sharpe was called to the chair.

Mr. Dell moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was withdrawn.

Mr. Bryson offered the following amendment :

Amend Section 2, by adding in 28th line, "provided no branch canal shall be constructed under the act until the main canal shall be constructed and in operation for the distance of twenty miles."

Mr. Speer moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M. ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Speer moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock ;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bryson withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Greeley moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 3 o'clock P. M. to-morrow ;

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Mann moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow ;

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

CONFIRMATIONS.

J. L. Tillis, to be Collector of Revenue for Polk county.
W. H. Johnson, to be Tax Assessor for Polk county

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THURSDAY, February 8, 1883.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Allen, Baker, Bryson, Chandler, Cole, Cottrell, Crill, Delano, Dell, Duncan, Fortner, Greeley, Hatcher, Hendricks, Landrum, Lesley, Mallory, Mann, Mountien, McClellan, McKinne, Polhill, Powers, Proctor, Roberts, Sheppard and Speer

—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Polhill, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced by Mr. Speer :

Senate bill No. 191 :

To be entitled an act to prescribe the duties of the Treasurer of this State ;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Cole :

Senate bill No. 192 :

To be entitled an act in relation to the Monticello and Georgia Railroad Company ;